

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

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God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.



**St. Andrew's  
Lutheran Church**

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**Welcome to worship!** Whether you are here for the first time or have been a life-long member, we pray that you experience God's presence in worship.

**All God's Children are Welcome!** If you have children, know that all of you are welcome in worship. Little people sounds tell us that everyone is here. If your little one becomes fussy, feel free to step out for a moment. Families may want to sit near the pray ground in the front left side of the Worship space. There are speakers in the gathering space.

**Pastoral Concerns** occasionally come up. In cases of severe illness, hospitalization, death, birth of a child, marriages, joys and sadness, many people would like a pastor to visit with them. Please be sure to contact the office to let us know of your desire.

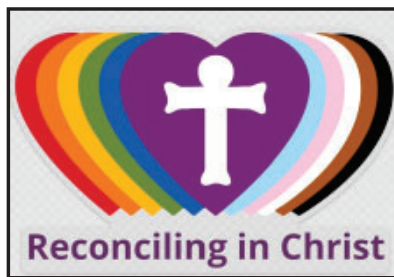
**Offering** is received as a response to God's grace and blessing, and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at nearly every service. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. All are welcome.

**Interested in growing in faith?** If you have questions about what it means to enter into partnership in our shared ministry feel free to contact Pastor David.

**Announcements:** The announcements begin on page 18, following the worship service.

### ***Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church Welcome Statement***



At St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (ELCA), we hold space for you—the full you—including your race, age, ethnic background, personality, experiences, gender identity, sexual orientations, gender expressions, and mental, spiritual, and physical needs. Here, you are invited to worship, pray, play, be baptized, get married, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Together, we strive to eliminate human-caused barriers to a holy relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. We hear the call to love our neighbor as a commitment to antiracism and welcome for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We pledge to work intentionally to further justice and inclusion. We strive to glorify God in the ways we care for each other, our communities, and our planet. Recognizing that we are all siblings in Christ, we celebrate, affirm, and welcome individuals and families in all their beautiful and varied compositions. As a church that holds space just for you, we are better for having you and your unique voice here!

**Come just as you are!**

# **Welcome to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**

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## **✠ GATHERING ✠**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **PRELUDE**

*God With Us*

by Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

- 1 What is this place where we are meeting?  
Only a house, the earth its floor.  
Walls and a roof sheltering people,  
windows for light, an open door.  
Yet it becomes a body that lives  
when we are gathered here,  
and know our God is near.
  
- 2 Words from afar, stars that are falling,  
sparks that are sown in us like seed:  
names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders  
sent from the past are all we need.  
We in this place remember and speak  
again what we have heard:  
God's free redeeming word.
  
- 3 And we accept bread at this table,  
broken and shared, a living sign.  
Here in this world, dying and living,  
we are each other's bread and wine.  
This is the place where we can receive  
what we need to increase:  
our justice and God's peace.

**GREETING**

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**CHILDRENS TIME**

✠ **WORD** ✠

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 65: 9-13

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God  
is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup> **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup> May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with  
grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

<sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Deuteronomy 30:14*

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**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The word is very <sup>l</sup> near to you; \* it is in your mouth and <sup>l</sup> in your heart.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> If you have ears, hear!"

<sup>18</sup> "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O God, Whose Word Well-Planted*

ACS 975

- 1 O God, whose word well-planted  
yields fruit a hundredfold,  
we praise your graces granted  
to those who sowed of old,  
who by their witness scattered  
good seed upon the soil  
where others, reaping, gathered  
the harvest of their toil.
- 2 O God of seed and harvest,  
of sun and soil and rain,  
attend the word we sow,  
lest its planting be in vain.  
Send showers of your Spirit,  
bright sunshine of your grace,  
that multitudes who hear it  
your gospel may embrace.
- 3 O God, your final harvest  
of hist'ry's ancient field  
will test with truth the proudest  
that human work can yield.  
Oppression's blight will vanish,  
fair freedom's fruits increase;  
and love and joy will flourish  
to clothe the earth with peace.

## **Apostles' CREED**

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Having heard of God's steadfast love, let us commit ourselves to that relationship of love using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*Each petition concludes:*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer..**

*The final petition concludes:*

...we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

ELW p.106

*We open Zoom microphones to speak Peace to one another.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## ✝ MEAL ✝

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING

Please remember that Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church continues important ministry. Consider making offerings by any of these means:

- **Offering Basket:** Place your offering in the basket as you enter or leave worship;
- **Mail:** send offerings to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church weekly or monthly;
- **Online:** visit the SaintAndrewsLutheran.org website and click the Donate Now button;
- **Bill pay:** use the convenience of the bill pay feature through your financial institution.
- **Give by Text:** Use a smart phone to text the contribution amount to 844-989-4094. Return text will provide a link for recording credit/debit card information and your contact information.

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*So Will I (100 Billion X)*

Hillsong United

1 God of creation  
There at the start  
Before the beginning of time  
With no point of reference  
You spoke to the dark  
And fleshed out the wonder of light

#### *Chorus 1*

And as You speak  
A hundred billion galaxies are born  
In the vapour of Your breath the planets form  
If the stars were made to worship so will I  
I can see Your heart in everything You've made  
Every burning star  
A signal fire of grace  
If creation sings Your praises so will I

2 God of Your promise  
You don't speak in vain  
No syllable empty or void  
For once You have spoken  
All nature and science  
Follow the sound of Your voice

*Chorus 2*

And as You speak  
A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath  
Evolving in pursuit of what You said  
If it all reveals Your nature so will I  
I can see Your heart in everything You say  
Every painted sky  
A canvas of Your grace  
If creation still obeys You so will I

*Bridge*

If the stars were made to worship so will I  
If the mountains bow in reverence so will I  
If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I  
For if everything exists to lift You high so will I  
If the wind goes where You send it so will I  
If the rocks cry out in silence so will I  
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy  
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times

3 God of salvation  
You chased down my heart  
Through all of my failure and pride  
On a hill You created  
The light of the world  
Abandoned in darkness to die

*Chorus 3*

And as You speak  
A hundred billion failures disappear  
Where You lost Your life so I could find it here  
If You left the grave behind You so will I  
I can see Your heart in everything You've done  
Every part designed in a work of art called love  
If You gladly chose surrender so will I  
I can see Your heart

Eight billion different ways  
Every precious one  
A child You died to save  
If You gave Your life to love them so will I

*Tag*

Like You would again a hundred billion times  
But what measure could amount to Your desire  
You're the One who never leaves the one behind

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

ELW p.108

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

ELW p.108

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

ELW p.108

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW p.112

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

### HOLY COMMUNION AT SAINT ANDREW'S

- *At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. This Table of the Lord is open to all the baptized.*
- *Grape juice is available in the center ring of glasses. Gluten-free wafers are available: Please speak to those serving the bread when you come to the rail.*
- *Please follow the guidance of the Worship Hosts, going forward on one side of your section and returning to your seat on the other side.*

## COMMUNION

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The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION SONG

*God With Us*

by Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ make you strong do God's will and keep in grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

ELW p.114

**BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW 547

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
  
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face--  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

**DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Reprise: Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW 547

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## Agnus Day

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<b>TODAY'S MINISTERS FOR WORSHIP</b>		
<b>July 12, 2026 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Pr. David Frerichs	
<b>Minister for Music:</b>	Megan Lyon	
<b>Organist:</b>	Sheryl Mehrhoff	
	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Gage & Tara Alstatt
<b>Worship Hosts:</b>	Kim Hickey	John Farmer
<b>Worship Hosts:</b>	Jenine Loesing	Janet Farmer
<b>Assisting Minister (Read):</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Assisting Minister (Pray):</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Dawn Lessiack
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
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<b>Communion Cleanup:</b>		Jayne Young
<b>Visual Projectionist:</b>	Gwen Gray	Merri Wente-Chapman
<b>Zoom Worship Host:</b>		Cindy Vedder
<b>Zoom Tech Director:</b>		Susan Goldammer
<b>Building Opener:</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<b>Building Closer:</b>		<b>TBD</b>
<b>Offering Steward:</b>		Anne Edwards
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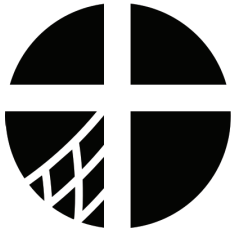
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### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Contributions and expenses through May 31, 2026.

	May	YTD
Offerings	\$47,324	\$193,056
Expenses	\$33,051	\$182,536
Over/(under) expenses	\$14,273	\$10,520
Nonbudget Special Offerings	\$705	\$7,209



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Pastor David's Phone: 402-741-2935

**Evangelism Planning Event:** How can we reclaim “evangelism” from something that, to be honest, most of us would rather avoid doing to a way of intentionally extending hospitality as the church? We all know what genuine hospitality feels like when we experience it as a guest. In the church, being intentional about hospitality shares the good news of Jesus, helps others know that they are important and loved, and builds community. The newly formed evangelism team will meet on Sunday, July 12 between services in the Library. They will be brainstorming ideas on how to grow St. Andrew's welcome and hospitality as we seek to invite people into a community of faith. Even if you aren't part of the team, you are welcome to join us for this initial meeting to share your ideas and thoughts. Contact Ros Thorpe at [ros.thorpe@live.com](mailto:ros.thorpe@live.com) or Susan Candea at [susan.candea@gmail.com](mailto:susan.candea@gmail.com). with any questions you have.

**Sunday Forum:** Larry Leip will host a special Sunday Forum on the Election and Ballot Issues on Sunday, July 12th. The Missouri primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 4th with early voting beginning Monday, July 20th. Larry will present his review and analysis of the four amendments at the Forum. The Missouri Legislature and the people, through the initiative petition process, have been busy. There are four proposed amendments to the Missouri Constitution on the August ballot. You will vote on them at that primary election. Larry will also answer questions regarding these proposals. Please join us in the Conference Room or via Zoom at 9:45AM on July 12 for this informative program.

**Women's Bible Study:** will have an adjusted schedule this summer and will meet on the third Wednesday of July and August at 10:00 in the conference room. Join in person or via zoom at our next meeting on Wednesday, July 15. Ann Green will lead a study on Joshua. Contact Ann Green [greenannelizabeth@hotmail.com](mailto:greenannelizabeth@hotmail.com) with questions.

**Lutheran Family and Children's Services Summer Ice Cream Social:** Join in as they celebrate National Make a Difference to a Child Month. LFCS will host an Ice Cream Social with lots of fun activities for the entire Family! All Families and Ages are Welcome. There will be a Fire Truck, a Foam Party with Music and free ice cream for kids. The event will be held on Thursday, July 16th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the LFCS Office located at 916 Bernadette Drive, in Columbia. Join in and Make Memories, Make Friends and Be a part of the Community.

**Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry:** Imaginative crafters are needed to help knit Prayer Shawls as well as Hats, Gloves, and other similar cold weather items. We meet at 11:00 am, the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in Room 112. We will meet next on: Saturday July 18. Questions? Please contact: Holly [Heidlage holly0917@centurytel.net](mailto:Heidlageholly0917@centurytel.net)

**Want to help with summer fellowship?** Sign up to bring treats to one or more of our summer coffees held between the services on the these dates:

- July 26 - Fruity dishes
- Aug 23 - Cool desserts

To sign up use the paper signup in the Narthex or the [flocknote signup](#): <https://standrewslutheran.flocknote.com/signup/265133> or email Jamie at [office@saintandrewslutheran.org](mailto:office@saintandrewslutheran.org) or text Shari Freyermuth at 573-424-2440.

**Contemplative Prayer for Peace:** Come join us in praying for peace through a contemplative prayer practice in the Centrum of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church and via Zoom (use the Sunday Worship Zoom login). We will meet each Monday (excluding holidays) for approximately 30 minutes and use the process of silent meditative prayer with spoken prayer to begin and end. Silent, contemplative, meditative, and centering prayer are ancient practices in all major world religions that create sacred space that can be shared when practiced in community. Contemplation in the form of silence is a means of being aware of God's presence in each of us and in the world. In these times, it may be helpful to gather with others to share in a time of prayer both to find peace within and to spread peace in the world. We hope by offering this time together that we will become stronger as individuals and as a community in our shared journey in this life. If you have questions or want to explore contemplative practice further, feel free to contact Pastor David, Patti Blanchard, Anne Edwards or Kris Niendorf. Use this link to access the Prayer Guide: <https://tinyurl.com/Contemplative-Prayer-for-Peace>

**God's Work. Our Hands:** The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands.," is scheduled for **Sunday, September 13, 2026**. This nationwide event unites congregations to engage in hands-on projects that serve and accompany neighbors, celebrating the Lutheran conviction of faith active in love. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. We need your ideas for Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church service opportunities to celebrate! Please contact Susan Goldammer [susan.goldammer@gmail.com](mailto:susan.goldammer@gmail.com) with your ideas!

## Prayers for July 12, 2026

**We add to our prayers this week:**

**We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:**

Jennifer Vining	Melissa Stormont	Mo Champion-Garthe
Paul Christensen	Michael Butterworth	Arlene Cunningham
Brady Thomas	Michelle Knipp	Candi Glancy
Ji Bu	Dale Whitman	Patric
Jerry	Cathy	Joanne Boomer

**We pray for those in the military:**

Eric Childers, Matthew Lee, and those serving throughout the world.

**We pray for those with other kinds of needs:**

For all who live in times of war and conflict, particularly in the United States, Israel, Iran and all middle eastern Countries, Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan and Congo; we pray, in particular, for these Palestinian detainees: Shadi Khoury, and Hadeel Shatara.

Those who are incarcerated with whom we minister: Brooke, Estelle, Natalie, Kaylee, Cassandra, Kyia, Diamond, Makale, Amy, Angel, Debra, Lisa, Shannon, Angelique.

We pray for our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Central States Synod, and in particular these ministries: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO; St. Thomas-Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO; Hollis Renewal Center, Kansas City, KS; Global Refuge.

***Background on Palestinian detainees for whom we pray:***

We pray for Hadeel Shatara, our FOSNA Palestinian partner, an advancement officer at Birzeit University near Ramallah. She is a fierce advocate of Palestinians and has been detained in the past for speaking out. She asks us to pray for peace for her homeland.

We pray for Shadi Khoury, a Palestinian boy who was recently sentenced to 2 years and 8 months in prison, and a fine of \$4000.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

### Sunday, July 12: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum (IP&Z)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)
- 12:30 pm Ambassadors for Christ (IP)

### Monday, July 13

- 1:15 pm Contemplative Prayer for Peace (IP)

### Tuesday, July 14

No Events

### Wednesday, July 15

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Z)
- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (IP&Z)
- 6:15 pm Wednesday Worship (IP)

### Thursday, July 16

- 6:00 pm Council Meeting (IP&Z)

### Friday, July 17 – Office Closed

No Events

### Saturday, July 18 – Office Closed

- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl & Crafting Ministry (IP)

### Sunday, July 19: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Worship (IP)
- 11:00 am Worship (IP&Z)

#### Reading for Next Wednesday July 15, 2026

Matthew 13:10-17

#### Readings for Next Sunday July 19, 2026 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

\*Key: **IP**—In Person; **Z**—Zoom; **IP&Z**—In Person and Zoom

#### Online Resources

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Links to all online services and meetings are posted on our website.

[SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events](http://SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/online-events)

Links to all worship bulletins are at [SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship](http://SaintAndrewsLutheran.org/worship).

Go to [StAndrewsLutheran.flocknote.com](http://StAndrewsLutheran.flocknote.com) or text StAndy to 84576 to get church email and text communications.

Miss the livestream of worship? If you want to hear the sermon from Sunday worship, there is now a podcast available at [SaintAndrewsLutheranChurch.podbean.com](http://SaintAndrewsLutheranChurch.podbean.com).